

[Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai.]

(b) whether the London Mission V. M. School for boys at Martandam is a private recognised school ;

(c) whether complaints have been received against the manager of the above school of gross breaches of Rule 60 of the Education Code ;

(d) if so, how many complaints have been received hitherto and how many have been disposed of ;

(e) whether women teachers have been dismissed from service by the manager of the above school on the ground that they have entered into legal marriages ; and

(f) whether married women teachers employed in service have been dismissed from service for applying for maternity leave ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) Three complaints ; all of them were disposed of.

(e) Yes.

(f) Yes.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai : With reference to answer to part (d), may I know the nature of the complaints, and how they were disposed of ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : That their services were terminated because they got married or applied for maternity leave.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai : May I know whether there is any rule restraining women from getting married ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : There is an old Mission Rule that any person who gets married will have her services terminated.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai : May I know whether married women have been entertained in departmental schools ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : Yes.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai : If there is such a rule as the one mentioned by the honourable member, why is it that married women are entertained in departmental schools ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : The rule is enforced in the schools conducted by the L. M. S. Unfortunately there is no such rule in departmental schools.

Reduction of the rate of interest on the loans issued by the land mortgage Bank.

137. * **Mr. M. N. Narayana Menon (Kottayam) :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they propose to reduce the rate of interest in the Land Mortgage Bank in accordance with the needs of the times ?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : The question of reduction of the rate of interest on loans issued from the State Land Mortgage Bank is under the consideration of the Board of Management.

Reorganisation of the Ayurveda Department.

138. ***Mr. M.N. Narayana Menon** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) how many years it is since the Ayurveda Department was established in Travancore ;

(b) whether they have any scheme before them to reorganise the department, in accordance with the needs of the times ; and

(c) whether they contemplate the appointment of a Director as the Head of the Ayurveda Department?

Mr. K. Paramesvara Panickar (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (a) Forty-seven years.

(b) No.

(c) No.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : May I know whether this department was under a Director ?

Mr. K. Paramesvara Panickar : Yes.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : For how many years was it under the Director ?

Mr. K. Paramesvara Panickar : For over 10 years.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : When was the Director's post abolished ?

Mr. K. Paramesvara Panickar : In 1107, I believe.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know why Government have not appointed a Director after that and why Government do not contemplate appointing one ?

Mr. K. Paramesvara Panickar : It was not possible to find a proper person for the post.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : Are the Government aware that, on account of the fact that there is no proper person to control its destinies, the department is not going on well ?

Mr. K. Paramesvara Panickar : Government do not think so.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : If a proper person to be the Director could not be found out, may I know who is now controlling the destinies of the department ?